

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



*Harvesting crops and wheat planting begins

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RELEASED: September 27, 1999 3:00 p.m. Temperatures were cooler, but with a lack of moisture. Beneficial rainfall continues to elude the state with only scattered showers reported last week. Most of the state is in dire need of rainfall. The lack of rainfall continues to further aggravate the drought like conditions according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 39 percent very short, 49 percent short, 12 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included harvesting rice, sorghum, cotton, soybean, and corn and wheat planning. Other activities included defoliating cotton, continued harvesting peas, preparing land for planting of annual forages such as rye, and ryegrass , liming pastures, fields were being subsoiled and plowed, irrigating soybeans for the last time, and scouting for and treating webworms in soybeans.

CROPS: Spraying fields for insects were reported in the state. Fertilizer applications to fields were also reported. Hay harvesting is being finished up. Tree fruit and small fruits were being harvested throughout the state.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported in fair condition. Cattle producers continued to market cattle, wean calves, fall calving, and pregnancy check spring bred cows. Cattle were given vaccinations, treated for external parasites for insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Turning Color	100	100	100					
Mature	99	94	94					
Harvested	91	81	76					
COTTON				1	10	41	35	13
Bolls Opening	91	85	81					
Harvested	20	13	10					
RICE				1	3	30	45	21
Harvested	76	70	65					
SOYBEANS				11	19	30	29	11
Setting Pods	100	100	100					
Shedding	39	40	26					
Harvested	13	10	7					
CORN								
Harvested	95	95	92					
WHEAT								
Planted	1	1	3					
Emerged	0	0	0					
ALFALFA				5	34	37	24	0
OTH. HAY				15	33	40	12	0
PASTURE				18	32	38	12	0

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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